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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ASSESSING A PROCUREMENT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM

and invented by: RAY F. BARNARD, PHILIP J. CIRULLI, KERIN J. FLANNERY, CARL J. LANUTI, JANE M. MURPHY

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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/444,257 FILED 11/22/1999

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02. ☒ Specification having 86 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
 - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
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- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
05. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Item 4b is checked)
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
06. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)
07. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)
- a. ☐ Paper Copy
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Accompanying Application Parts

08. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
09. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS citation
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